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Assistant Police Supt.
Suckley Gets Orders
From Washington.

**MUST APPEAR AT
POLICE STATION**

To Be Governed by Same
Restrictions and Laws
As Men.

Acting upon orders from Attorney General Gregory, Assistant Superintendent of Police Charles H. Suckley, today began preparations for the registering of more than 500 German and enemy alien women in Bridgeport.

The method which will be adopted by the police in this work will be exactly the same as that employed in registering the males.

Female enemy aliens will have to abide by the same rules as the males and the laws governing their actions will be just as rigidly enforced.

According to a statement issued today by the police officials the same military guard has been employed on enemy alien and military affairs since the inauguration of the registration will be used.

It will take about two weeks for the police to compile lists from the data which they already possess and which they will seek regarding the

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TWO KILLED BY FARM HAND IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y., April 27—Deputy sheriffs are searching the countryside around Victor today for Earl Austin, a farm hand, for the murder early today of Mack Mosher, a farmer and his daughter, Blanche, 18 years old. Both were killed with an axe. Austin, who is 40 years old, formerly worked for Mosher on his farm.

Neighbors of the Mosher said Austin had been discharged by Mosher because of unwelcome attentions to the daughter. It is believed that Austin was mentally unbalanced.

RUSS LABOR TO MAKE 'PLANES FOR TEUTONS

London, April 27—In urging the British nation to an increased output of aeroplanes, the Daily Mail dwells on Russia's defection as affecting the supremacy of the air. Russian aeroplanes, it says, had great reputations in Germany, and some of them had been used as models by German makers.

"The collapse of Russia," it adds, "enables Germany to exploit and turn to its own use all factories and aeroplanes in Russia and as many more as Russian labor, now looking around hungrily for a job, can be induced to construct. Factories for the manufacture of certain types of machines are springing up from Petrograd to Moscow, not to mention those already in existence which are or soon will be German."

TRIES TO COLLECT BILL FOR \$413.34

Suit to collect the balance of \$413.34 on a bill of merchandise has been filed in the common pleas court by the Joyce Press against R. H. Houston & Sons. The bill extends over a considerable period of time, and amounted to nearly \$2,000, of which part has been paid.

HUNS THREATEN WAR ON HOLLAND

**"RED" FARFEL
PLACED UNDER
BOND OF \$10,000**

Local Soldier, Who Failed to
Return to Camp, Now
Held for Desertion.

Joseph Farfel, known among the lesser fry of the pugilistic fraternity of Bridgeport as "Red" Farfel, is again occupying a cell at police headquarters where he is being held for the federal authorities in bonds of \$10,000 under charges of desertion from the United States army.

He came here from his military camp about a month ago on a 24-hour pass. This pass was issued to him in order that he might bid his relatives and friends good-bye. He apparently paid no attention to the time limit on his pass and hung around various headquarters of the sporting element in this city. In the meantime his company had sailed for France.

The police were notified by the military authorities to apprehend him, and when he was located he was given a chance to go back to his regiment, but again the white lights of Main and Fairfield avenue were too alluring and he tarried in this city.

When he finally disappeared for a few days he showed up again with the information that as his company had sailed for the front there was nobody at home in the camp and he was issued another pass. This pass, according to the police was signed with a perfectly good signature, but had been filled out by other parties than the military authorities.

Farfel then stated that he had been ill and that it was impossible for him to report. The police took little notice of this alibi, and placed him under arrest. He was held in bonds of \$10,000, which were furnished and he again appeared in the bright light districts. When he appeared in court this morning his bonds were placed at \$10,000, so that he will remain in a cell until the military authorities notify the Bridgeport police as to what they want done with him.

GAVE DRAFT AS EXCUSE TO SELL STOLEN BICYCLES

John Myrna, of New Haven, arrested yesterday charged with the theft of two bicycles was today arraigned in court and his case continued until May 4.

According to information in the possession of the police, Myrna is alleged to have stolen a bicycle belonging to a John Connors, while the latter was in a bank on Wall street. Later while Connors was telling a traffic officer about the theft, he saw a colored man riding the machine.

They stopped the cyclist and upon being questioned he described Myrna, and told the officer he had bought the machine from him for \$5. He did not suspect the bicycle was stolen because the young man told him he was going away in the draft.

Shortly after stealing the first bicycle, it appears that Myrna stole another from Dick Bowden of 271 Broad street, while the latter was in Woolworth's store. The second machine he took to the New Idea Tire Co., and told them the same story he told the colored man. He was given \$5 for the machine. Shortly afterward he was arrested.

U. S. ENGINEER IS RELEASED

New York, April 27—George A. Kyle of Portland, Ore., the American engineer who since March 5 has been held captive by Chinese bandits in the province of Honan, China, has been released, according to advices to the state department from the American legation in Peking, forwarded to the Siems-Carey Railway & Canal Co. here. Two other Americans and a Chinese engineer were freed previously.

PREDICT LIBERTY LOAN TOTAL WILL BE DOUBLE ORIGINAL QUOTA GOAL

COMMITTEE REPORTS TODAY THAT \$6,000,000
HAS THUS FAR BEEN SUBSCRIBED—POLICE
AND FIREMEN'S CANVASS IS SUCCESS.

Complete returns from the Liberty bonds sales yesterday at noon today were not all turned in at the headquarters in Hincks brothers' office in State street, but those in charge of the office estimated that the grand total has nearly reached \$6,000,000, the goal set out for a week ago. It is predicted that the grand total for the campaign will have been doubled by next Saturday night. The figures for today are \$5,700,000.

The Boy Scouts commenced their campaign for the Third Loan this morning and it is reported they are meeting with great success. The boys are armed with Liberty Loan application blanks and war savings stamps, and where they cannot sell bonds they are determined to effect sales of the thrift stamps.

The police canvass is reported as meeting with success but as yet no formal report has been made to headquarters. The firemen are going at an increased pace and this morning reported bond sales which brings their total up to \$1,000. The merchants' committee now has a grand total of \$151,000.

The Minute Women under the captaincy of Mrs. M. J. Blume reported to Mrs. William T. Hincks, chairman of the Women's Liberty Loan committee, that \$11,000 in bond subscriptions had been secured at the outdoor

meeting arranged by the Dorsen Dry Goods company, yesterday afternoon. Of this amount \$1,950 was in cash bond sales.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Park Avenue Temple they voted to buy the Sisterhood of the church a Liberty Loan flag for their active work in the present campaign.

Blenda Lodge, 11, V. O., at a recent meeting voted to buy \$200 in the Third Liberty Loan bonds. The Bridgeport Cutter works has been placed in the 100 per cent. efficiency class. Every employee bought a bond for a total of \$2,950. The Ready Tool Co. also is 100 per cent., having subscribed \$550, each of the 13 men having bought a \$50 bond. Meigs & Co. ranks in the 90 per cent. class.

In the surrounding cities and towns in this district sales are reported to be large. Shelton, which had a quota of \$134,000, has nearly doubled and Danbury is nearly over the top with its quota of \$682,500. Fairfield which has a quota of \$32,200, has been officially reported as fully subscribed. No returns have been received here from Westport which has an allotment of \$101,800.

The recent proclamation of Governor Holcomb, in behalf of the Third Liberty Loan will be read tomorrow by all of the pastors in the various churches of the city.

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Press Asserts Nation May
Become Second Belgium
to Down England.

**NEW DEMANDS BEING
PRESSED BY BERLIN**

Seeks to Bring About Quarrel
by Demanding Nation
Act Unneutrally.

London, April 27—Following the statement of Foreign Minister Louden to the Holland Senate that negotiations with Germany were not progressing satisfactorily, a dispatch from The Hague today declared the commander-in-chief of the land and sea forces of Holland has provisionally stopped all leaves of absence, thus maintaining the army and navy on war footing.

The Hague correspondent of the Times says Holland has given way to the German demand for use of the railway across the Province of Limburg, stipulating, however, that no military traffic must pass.

Another demand of an embarrassing nature connected with shipping facilities has been made by Germany.

The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Dutch government already has taken preliminary steps to bring into force certain military measures.

Holland. The Taegische Rundschau of Berlin warns the Dutch that Holland may become a second Belgium; a place from which Germany may attack Great Britain. It warns the Dutch to seek cover.

The clerical Germania says the German demands upon the Dutch are calculated to restore in Holland the balance of that country, which lately has shown itself "too conciliatory toward the Entente."

Capt. von Salzmann, military critic of the Vossische Zeitung, says Holland can keep out of the war by "conscientious neutrality," but she must understand a day will come when German patience "already tried to the uttermost," will end. Von Salzmann is a spokesman for the German government. A landing in Denmark or Holland, he asserts, may come within a range of possibility in order to attack England's sea flank.

Germany is also threatening Switzerland, and may force that republic into war in an effort to attack the French right flank through the Alps. Open threats of such a movement are being made in some sections of the German press.

In Holland, Germany seeks a quarrel over transportation of sand and gravel she needs for her machine gun "pill boxes." Her quarrel with Switzerland is sought on the question of the transit of coal, for which Switzerland depends upon Germany. Germany has been holding up Switzerland's coal supply in an effort to compel the Swiss to furnish the Germans with food.

PORTER SUES FOR DAMAGES OF \$1,000

Damages of \$1,000 are claimed in an action filed in the superior court by Frank S. Porter of this city against the Connecticut Co. Porter alleges he was driving at Walnut Beach and his automobile was struck by an express trolley car driven at a reckless rate of speed and which gave no warning of its approach. Porter was thrown from his machine, bruised and otherwise injured, and the machine damaged to the extent of \$700.

49 HONOR FLAGS IN N. Y. DISTRICT

Washington, April 27—Part reports on Liberty day sales in the third Liberty Loan campaign today raised the subscription total for the country to \$2,115,995,850.

This represented an addition of \$78,000,000 and only part reports from yesterday's intensive canvass.

In the New York district Liberty day subscriptions gave such an impetus to the campaign that the district managers awarded 49 honor flags.

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BULLDOG GRIP OF ENGLISH AT YPRES
REMAINS UNSHAKEN DESPITE FURIOUS
ONSLAUGHTS OF HUNS WHOSE
LOSS IS REPORTED APPALLING.

The loss of Mount Kemmel evidently has failed to disorganize in any way the Allied resistance in the Ypres region. The line in fact has been stiffened since this isolated height was taken by the Germans, and the enemy after a day of desperate struggle yesterday found himself held fast everywhere.

Loocre, west of Mount Kemmel, and Voormezelle, two miles south of Ypres, were the chief points under attack by the Germans in their vain effort to develop their success of the previous day. At each, although the fighting fluctuated during the day, the enemy failed to gain his objectives and today is no farther advanced toward them than he was yesterday morning.

The French fought with great gallantry in the Loocre sector, inflicting severe losses on the enemy in his four attacks, the last of which carried him into the village. Last evening the French counter attacked vigorously and regained the place.

BRITISH STILL HOLD RIDGE

The British were no less stubborn in their defense of Voormezelle, at which point they were obliged to hold fast if the line, curving to the east and north around Ypres, was not to be abandoned. Today found them still in possession of the village and holding fast on the ridge southwest of the town. Several hundred prisoners were taken by the British in this fighting.

There seems a quite general disposition on the part of the military observers to forecast the eventual abandonment of the Ypres salient as a result of the fall of Mount Kemmel. It has been pointed out by the British war office that this result will not necessarily follow. It is likewise observed, however, that, should an evacuation of Ypres become necessary, the taking of Mount Kemmel has not destroyed the defensive value of the range of hills to the west from which it stood out, and which have been referred to as the backbone of the Flanders position. Meanwhile the cost in men to the Germans in the progress they have made without winning more than a tactical advantage has been enormous.

SOMME SITUATION FAVORABLE

On the Somme battle front the situation has worked still more favorably for the Allies. The recapture of Villers Bretonneux and its dominating high ground by the British has made the German tenure of Hangard to the south, extremely precarious, and they already have lost part of the village. London reports a further advancement of the Allied line last night in this sector. An attack by German tanks was broken up by the British fire. More than 900 prisoners were taken by the British in the fighting here.

The fall of Mount Kemmel is a serious blow to the security of the salient about Ypres, but to gain a complete victory there

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IMMINENT DEATH INQUIRY IS HELD BY THE CORONER

Imminent death inquiry was held today by Coroner J. J. Phelan in the case of Dominick Screma, of 2015 Main street, nine years old, now at St. Vincent's hospital in a serious condition due to being struck by an automobile at Main and Grand streets last night by an automobile owned and driven by Aaron Pious of 115 Roosevelt street. Decision is reserved awaiting the result of the boy's injuries.

Pious told the coroner he was driving slowly through Grand street, not more than 10 miles an hour, and averted his machine to avoid hitting Camille de Founce, six, of 46 Hurd avenue, who darted from the walk in front of the machine. About the same time Dominick ran into the street from the other side after a ball he had been playing with.

The little girl was knocked down, but not seriously hurt. The boy was dangerously hurt, and was taken to the hospital in the ambulance.

Joseph Lacaromitz, 10 years old, who was playing near by, told the Coroner the automobile was not going faster "than an old horse" when it passed him just before the accident.

BIG WAR RALLY BY SLOVAKS OF CITY TOMORROW

The Slovak residents of Bridgeport are to enjoy one of the greatest patriotic rallies which has yet been held among the foreign language speaking people of Bridgeport, which will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. in Sokol hall, Hallett street.

This rally will be under the auspices of the Bridgeport War Bureau and some noted orators will be heard, among them being Honorable Clifford B. Wilson, mayor of the city; Rev. John F. Murray, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hartford; Rev. Vincent Piseck of New York.

There will be a Liberty chorus comprised of the choirs of four churches, the Russian Orthodox, Slovak Lutheran, St. Cyril and Methodius, and St. John's Slovak Roman Catholic church.

This will undoubtedly be a great patriotic occasion and the Slovak citizens of Bridgeport will turn out en masse to show their Americanism. Father Murray needs no introduction to Bridgeport audiences, and Professor Pupin is a man whose name is known all over the United States. The musical feature of this occasion will in itself add distinction to the rally.